

5. Recommendations adopted at the Prague Congress.

Extracts from the Report of the International Committee on Amateurism read at the Technical Olympic Congress of Prague:

The Committee recommends that the Congress should submit the following principles to the International Sporting Federations with the request that they be earnestly considered and rules and regulations to carry the same into effect be speedily-adopted.

1. That an Amateur is one who takes part in sport merely for sport's sake, and without any direct or indirect financial gain therefrom.

2. That a professional is one who, from taking part in sport, receives his means of living or a part thereof.

3. That a professional in one sport cannot be an Amateur in another sport.

4. Coaches, trainers and instructors, of sports competition and exercises, who perform such services in whole or in part for direct or indirect financial gain, can neither compete in, nor sit on suries or act as judges and the like, at the Olympic Games. Professors and teachers who do not coach, train or instruct in sports competitions and exercises may compete in, and sit on suries and act as judges and the like, at the Olympic Games.

5. Competition between an Amateur and a Professional does not necessarily act as the disqualification of the Amateur.

6. Any payment, direct or indirect, to a competitor as compensation, or recompense for salary or wages lost by reason of sports competitions is an indirect financial gain to such competitor, and thereby professionalizes such competitor and makes him ineligible for competition in the Olympic Games.

7. Extended sports competition away from the home of the competitor is condemned: it is recommended that as a general rule no competitor spend more than two weeks of any year away from his home in competition in any one sport. It is recognized that the distance from the homes of some competitors of important international contests like the Olympic Games and of national contests in countries of large areas make exceptions necessary. In such cases, no international competition should be held without the consent of the International Sports Federation, and no national contest should take place without the consent of the National governing body of such sport: and in all instances reimbursement for expenses and maintenance should be made through the International or National Federations as the case may be. If competition beyond the two weeks period has been other than in accordance with such conditions, the competitor is ineligible for competition in the Olympic Games.

The Congress expresses the wish that the International Federations will try to bring down the number of entries in each event to the minimum they consider technically necessary to ensure the same chances for each country.

The Congress asks the International Federations to make of the Olympic Games their world championships. In case the Federations should refuse, the Congress hopes they will agree to have no Championships the year of the Olympic Games.

The Congress expressed the wish that the decisions, pronounced by the Jury of Honour upon the request of the Jury of Appeal acting by delegation from the International Federation which has formed it, be ipso facto applied by that Federation.

6. Wishes expressed at the I. O. C. meeting of Prague.

The I. O. C. expressed the wish that government subsidies be exclusively devoted to the organisation of the games and not to the training of national representatives.

Count de Penha Garcia read a paper on the sporting spirit and its propaganda the gist of which was the need of leaving no stone unturned to heighten the spirit of loyalty, discipline, fair play and chivalry which should be the ruling spirit and very foundation of all sports. These various qualities combined constitute the sporting-spirit which is a powerful means of perfecting the individual both morally and socially. The Sporting spirit should make itself felt in rules and regulations of all sports; propaganda for it should be made by teachers, by the press, by means of public lectures and by setting an exemple, special stress being laid on the necessity of self-education, and if possible by getting every athlete to understand that he is, in a way, the ambassador of sports to the crowd of non-sportsmen and that it is therefore his duty to educate that crowd of spectators.

7. Election of the new President.

Count de Baillet - Latour was elected President of the I. O. C. for the period 1925-1928 in the place of Baron Pierre de Coubertin who has resigned.

8. Handing over of the Presidential Powers.

In accordance with the decision taken, Count de Baillet-Latour entered upon his duties on September 1st. On the 9th of September, accompanied by M. de Coubertin and M. de Blonay, he paid an official visit to the Council of State of Vaud and to the Municipality of Lausanne, following which a lunch was given in his honour by Mr. Dufour, President of the Council of State and Mr. Rosset, Mayor of Lausanne. On the 11th of September, a visit was paid to the Federal Council at Berne. There too, a lunch in honour of Count de Baillet-Latour was given by the President of the Confederation, Mr. Musy and the Vice-President of the Federal Council, Mr. Haebelin.

9. Nomination of a new Secretary.

Major A. G. Berdez was nominated secretary of the I. O. C. in the place of M. F. Auckenthaler, who asked to be relieved of his duties.

10. The Secretary's Office.

The Secretary's Office of the I. O. C. is at Mon Repos Lausanne, Switzerland.

All correspondance is to be sent to that address.

Telegraphic Address C. I. O. Lausanne.

11. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 1925.

The Executive Committee met in Paris on November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1925. It was resolved to draw up a Table regulating the Executive's Procedure, the scheme to be drafted by the President of the C. I. O.

Resolutions were passed that: all decisions shall henceforth

be approved by the Committee; official correspondence shall be signed either by the President, or by the Secretary by order and in the name of the President or that of the Executive Committee; and copies of all important decisions shall be sent to members of the Executive Committee.

It was resolved to establish a permanent Secretariat at Lausanne, and Major A. G. Berdez has been appointed Secretary in place of M. Aukenthaler, whose resignation has been accepted.

It was further resolved to publish an Official Report in French, German, English and Spanish.

The Committee have had under consideration the modifications to be made to the Statutes and General Regulations in order to bring them into line with the resolutions and wishes of the Congress of the C. I. O., held at Prague in May 1925.

The Executive Committee has under consideration the Regulations of the Winter Sports and has instructed the Secretary to enter into communication with all the International Federations taking part in the Olympic Games, in order to settle the Programme of the Sports and to ascertain the number of competitors in the trials of the different events.

The Judges of the Competition for the Olympic Medal have been appointed. They are:- The President of the I. O. C., Count Clary (France), Count de Penha Garcia, (Portugal), Count de Rosen (Sweden), Mr. Krogius (Finland), and Mr. G. Devresse.

The Executive Committee draws attention to the fact that the closing date of the National Competition for the new Olympic Games Medal has been put forward to March 31st, 1926. Facsimiles of the prize medals must be sent by the National Olympic committees to the President of the I. O. C., 23, rue du Trône, Brussels, before 31st December, 1926.

The Judges of the Art Competition for the Games of the IXth Olympiad, to be held in Amsterdam, 1928, have been appointed. They are:- The President and the Vice-President of the Organizing Committee of the Games, also M. Beistegui (Mexico), Count Clary (France), Prince Lubomirski (Poland), Count de Penha Garcia (Portugal), Count de Rosen (Sweden), and General Sherrill (U.S.A.) who are empowered to add experts to their number.

The Executive Committee interviewed M. Gaston Vidal, President and Secretary of the Permanent Administration of the International Sports Union, accompanied by M. Rimet, President of the International Football Association, who explained in detail the wishes expressed by the International Associations at Prague.

The Committee then interviewed in succession:- The members of the Executive Committee of the Games of the IXth Olympiad (Amsterdam 1928) and discussed with them questions in reference to the various Stadia, the accommodation of competitors, etc.

The President of the International Gymnastic Association on the subject of incorporating the different Associations so as to form one Association for the purpose of the Olympic Games.

The Secretary of the International Rifle Association accompanied by M. Linden, who had been deputed to put before the I.O.C. a request on behalf of the Dutch Rifle Association.

M. Bolanachi, who had drawn up the Programme and the Organization of the African Games to take place at Alexandria in 1927 under the auspices of the National Egyptian Federations and the Rules of the International Federations.

Mr. Petitjean, International Sports Representative of the International Union of Students, accompanied by Mr. Antébi, Vice-Président of the International Union of Students, on the

subject of the Universities Games to take place in Rome, 1926.

The Executive Committee considered:-

a letter from the Organizing Committee of the Games of Central America, Mexico 1926.

a letter from the International Cyclists Union relating to the World's Championships.

a letter from the International Football Association, saying that, starting from 1st October, 1925, this Association would consider as amateurs players who had not received compensation for lost salary. This decision was approved by the Executive Committee.

the correspondence with the International Rowing Association Mr. Baud, President of the International Rowing Association, having been prevented from attending the Meeting in Paris.

The Executive Committee has been in touch with the International Railway Union with regard to the transport of competitors and officials during the Olympic Games.

The Meeting of the I. O. C. at Lisbon, May 1926, was considered, and it was decided to invite Colonel Thompson and M. Rousseau, members of the Committee deputed to draw up the Rules of the Congress, to be present at Lisbon on this occasion.

Before terminating the meeting the Executive Committee decided to protest strongly against the use of the words Olympic and Olympiad which they consider exclusive to themselves, and the unauthorised use of which would naturally only cause great confusion.

THE GAMES OF CENTRAL - AMERICA 1926.

The «Junta Nacional» was constituted at Mexico in December 1924, but could not at the moment start attending to business because it lacked the necessary funds with which to ensure the realisation of the Central American Games in accordance with article 5 of the «carta fundamental».

On several occasions the President of the Republic was approached on the matter, also the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Education. Thanks to the benevolent influence of both the former and also of his brother Mr. Moisos Saenz, Under-Secretary for Public Education, the latter Ministry promised us the necessary financial help which would enable the Games to take place.

In the place of Mr. Peraltá, who as left, the Ministry of Education have named Mr. Moisos Saenz as their representative, and failing him, Mr. Martinez Ceballos, Director of the Department for Physical Culture.

Consequently the «Junta Nacional is constituted as follows:

President and Director:

Dr. Jesus Monjaraz, Member of the Mexican Olympic Committee

Government Representative:

M. Moisos Saenz, Under Secretary for Public Education.

Representative of the International Olympic Committee:

Mr. Josse Gomez de Parada.

There remains to be chosen the representative of the National Sporting Confederation, which organisation has not as yet been constituted.

Treasurer:

Carlos B. Zetina, President of the Mexican Olympic Committee.

Assistant Treasurer:

Carlos B. Zetina, Junior.

Secretary:

J. Martinez Ceballos, Director of Physical Education.